



Around the District

Civil War Breaks Out at Thompson Causeway

Thomson Causeway hosted the annual volunteer "Civil War Encampment" featuring Battery H of 2nd Illinois Light Artillery.

The weekend event included campground interpretive presentations, artillery demonstrations and drills as well as a civil war-era encampment open to campground users and day visitors.

More than 200 spectators participated in the event that continues to be a popular draw for campers and day use visitors.

District Competes for President's Quality Award

Recently the Rock Island District was selected by Corps headquarters, along with Huntsville, Huntington, and Savannah districts, to compete for the 2001 President's Quality Award.

The PQA program is the federal government's equivalent to the commercial industry's Malcolm Baldrige Award for Performance Excellence. The program recognizes organizations demonstrating improved levels of high performance and results, using quality management principles and practices.

The Huntsville and Huntington districts were selected to compete at the Department of Defense level.

Kelly Gilhooly, Executive Office, and Mike O'Keefe, Operations Division, were recognized by DA panel examiners for the 2001 PQA.

An article by Gilhooly will appear in the October issue.



Now It's Time to Play

The second of two replacement playgrounds has been installed by the project maintenance staff at Saylorville Lake.

The new playground equipment replaces deteriorated wood equipment removed from the Cherry Glen picnic area and the Bob Shetler campground.

The new equipment is attractive and was designed and installed to be accessible to wheelchair users.

Recent Retirements ...

Steffen R. Weinert, Operations Division, Maintenance Section, Project Maintenance Unit was an engineering equipment operator and retired Aug. 31, after serving 20 years and eight months with the federal government.

Jon M. Merritt, Lock and Dam 17, was the lockmaster of Lock and Dam 17 and retired Aug. 2, after serving 33 years and eight months with the federal government.

Donald E. Henke, Starved Rock Lock and Dam, was a lock and dam operator and retired July 29, after serving 15 years and 10 months with the federal government.

Congrats ...

Congratulations to **Mohamed and Khadija Moussa**, Engineering Division, on the birth of a new daughter, Leila Farah, August 13. She weighed nine pounds and four ounces.

Congratulations to **Damon Barati**, Information Management, and **Justine Dodge**, Public Affairs, who married on Sept. 2, in Bettendorf, Iowa, at Jumer's Castle Lodge.

Sympathy ...

Michael W. "Mike" Tampir, 50, Swisher, Iowa, passed away Aug. 15. Tampir was a member of the Coralville Lake maintenance crew since 1974.

He was a member of the Swisher American Legion and a Vietnam Marine veteran. Tampir loved the outdoors and was a friend of nature.

He was born Dec. 30, 1949, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Speakers Bureau

By Justine Dodge, Public Affairs

On Aug. 4, **Joe Raoul**, Engineering Division, spoke with ninth- and tenth-grade students as part of an event held by the Midtown Education Foundation in Chicago, Ill. Raoul discussed his educational background and his experiences as an engineer with the Corps. The goal of the event was to encourage students to become engineers.

A presentation on the Henry P. Bosse Mississippi River Prints was given at Thomson Causeway, Ill., on Aug. 5.

Justine Dodge, from the Public Affairs Office, discussed the prints with the Causeway campers who attended the presentation.

Karen Hagerty, from Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division, spoke with more than thirty members of the local community who are working together to restore and improve the Duck Creek Watershed. Hagerty was part of the Duck Creek Watershed Partnering Meeting on Aug. 22 at the Lyndsey Park Boat Club in Davenport, Iowa.

Notes from the Mississippi*

Lock and Dam 11, Dubuque, Iowa

- ✓ Solar chargers on lifeboats and bridge crane replaced.
- ✓ Hazardous material sign installed on generator building.

Lock and Dam 12, Bellevue, Iowa

- ✓ Rotted and loose planking replaced on upper wall.
- ✓ Preventative maintenance performed on upper lifeboat and pontoon.

Lock and Dam 13, Clinton, Iowa

- ✓ "Dusty," the lock dog, passed away.
- ✓ Miter gate grating installed on all miter gates.

Locks and Dam 14, Le Claire, Iowa

- ✓ Upper and lower bullnoses painted.
- ✓ Hosted four boat license refresher classes.

Locks and Dam 15, Rock Island, Ill.

- ✓ Grating on number 1 and number 3 gates painted.
- ✓ Dam pier houses cleaned and painted.

Lock and Dam 16, Muscatine, Iowa

- ✓ Dam safety blocks adjusted.
- ✓ Life boat drills conducted.
- ✓ Mule rail fasteners repaired.

Lock and Dam 17, New Boston, Ill.

- ✓ Rotary limit switches adjusted on valves.
- ✓ Traveling mooring bit repaired.

Lock and Dam 18, Burlington, Iowa

- ✓ Tug scooter direction switch replaced.
- ✓ Drift wood removed from dam.
- ✓ Tainter chain covers installed by contractor.

Lock and Dam 19, Keokuk, Iowa

- ✓ Upper intake grating inspected by divers.
- ✓ New pneumatic wheels installed on bulkhead lifter.
- ✓ Lower I-wall handrail replaced.

Lock and Dam 20, Canton, Mo.

- ✓ Lower two haulage sheave repaired.
- ✓ Upper leave and signs cleaned.
- ✓ Block heater in stand-by generator replaced.

Lock and Dam 21, Quincy, Ill.

- ✓ Drift and mud cleaned out of auxiliary gate pits.
- ✓ Four dam walkway bulbs replaced.

Lock and Dam 22, Saverton, Mo.

- ✓ Mud and debris removed from lower boat ramp.
- ✓ Pad eyes welded on upper I-wall for helper boats' use.

*This is a small sample of work completed at District Locks and Dams throughout the month.

CFC 2000 to Kickoff

The Rock Island District Combined Federal Campaign is gearing up for another great campaign.

Upcoming events include:

- Sept. 21 - Kickoff and Rally Walk, 11:30 a.m., at Bldg. 390, Rock Island Arsenal.
- Oct. 17 - 4th Annual CFC Chili Cook off, 11:00 a.m., in front of the Clock Tower Annex.
- Last week of October - CFC Auction.

CFC is an annual fund-raising drive conducted by Federal employees in their workplace each fall. Each year Federal employees and military personnel raise millions of dollars through the CFC to benefit thousands of non-profit charities.

The CFC's tradition of commitment to the community through the selfless efforts of Federal employees, has its roots in the

many charitable campaigns of the early 1960s. Seeing a need to bring the diversity of fundraising efforts under one umbrella, Federal employees created the CFC—one campaign, once a year.

By allowing employees to select the organizations of their choice from a single brochure and to make their contributions through payroll deductions, the CFC opened wide the door to more opportunities for generous giving to literally hundreds of worthy causes.

The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the Federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. It continues to be the largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world.

Questions concerning the CFC can be directed to Ron Williams, ext. 5414.

CFC on the 'net: www.opm.gov/cfc

